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MAURITIUS.

The principal industry of the British colony of Mauritius, in the South Indian Ocean, is sugar making. The total area of land under cultivation in 1914 was 203,950 acres. That devoted to sugar was 166,016 acres; to aloe fiber, 20,680 acres.

The population of Mauritius on December 31, 1914, was 383,257, against 379,853 at the close of 1913.

Foreign Trade of the Colony.

The total trade of Mauritius in 1914 (not including that with its dependencies) amounted to $31,767,109, against $22,908,938 in 1913. Notwithstanding war conditions, both the imports and exports showed increases compared with 1913. The imports were valued at $12,314,204, compared with $12,003,841 in 1913, an increase of $310,363, and the exports were valued at $19,452,905, compared with $10,905,097 in the previous year, an increase of $8,547,808. In 1913 the imports showed an increase of $1,536,521 over 1912 and the exports a decrease of $1,157,453.

The principal increases in imports during 1914 were in military goods, coin and specie, rice, cotton goods, gunny bags, flour, and wood, manufactured and unmanufactured. Among the articles of imports that showed decreases were coal, beeves, machinery, hardware and other manufactured metals, chemicals for manure, haberdashery, and frozen, salted, and preserved meats. The increases in exports were in sugar and molasses, which formed about 97 per cent of the total exports. The sugar exported in 1914 amounted to 289,483 tons valued at $18,777,462, against 187,956 tons valued at $9,959,306 in 1913, showing an increase of 54 per cent in quantity and 89 per cent in value. Molasses exported was valued at $36,549, compared with $19,889 in 1913. All other articles of export, principally aloe fiber, coconut oil, rum, and vanilla, showed decreases.

Value of Articles Imported and Exported.

A comparison of the value of the principal articles of merchandise imported and exported in 1913 and 1914 is shown in the following table.

Articles.	1913	1914
IMPORTS.		
Animals:		
Cows and oxen, chiefly beeves from Madagascar	$397,089	$130,617
Other	35,763	32,709
Animal waste (dried blood, etc.)	81,960	52,530
Beverages	260,988	232,054
Chemicals:		
Apothecaries' wares	66,899	78,055
For manure—		
Ammonia sulphate	481,304	435,826
Other	335,054	235,264
Other chemicals	36,963	61,927
Coal	867,752	426,960
Coin and specie	128,313	741,278
Farinaceous food:		
Dholl	190,064	203,481
Flour	325,367	38[illegible],413
Rice	2,762,075	3,248,2[illegible]0
Other	299,548	259,455
Fish, salted, dried, or pickled	87,377	83,735
Lard and margarin	80,609	85,148
Meats:		
Frozen	23,064	7,526
Salted and preserved	40,261	29,367
Metals:		
Manufactured—		
Hardware and cutlery	343,674	276,514
Machinery	529,543	353,993
Other	358,227	232,254
Unmanufactured	28,539	13,399
IMPORTS—cont'd.		
Military goods	$170,368	$913,349
Motor cars	125,954	67,520
Oil:		
Castor	41,778	61,836
Petroleum and spirits of	234,718	202,196
Other	239,990	237,233
Soap	123,477	164,725
Textiles:		
Cotton	494,106	517,658
Gunny bags	295,235	574,338
Haberdashery	315,280	209,169
Tobacco:		
Manufactured—		
Cigars	25,534	21,364
Other	155,196	164,510
Unmanufactured	1,197	1,773
Wood, manufactured and unmanufactured	208,889	247,019
All other articles	1,811,686	1,328,739
Total	12,003,841	12,314,201
EXPORTS.		
Aloe fiber	276,897	189,523
Coconut oil	20,591	10,381
Molasses	19,889	36,549
Rum	7,244	5,646
Sugar	9,959,306	18,777,462
Vanilla	11,461	2,923
All other articles	609,709	430,421
Total	10,905,097	19,452,905

Trade by Countries.

The following table gives the value of the imports from and the exports to certain countries during 1914 compared with 1913:

Countries.	Imports from.		Exports to.	
	1913	1914	1913	1914
British possessions	$5,021,988	$6,074,424	$8,057,667	$8,614,114
United Kingdom	3,963,590	3,872,744	1,93[illegible],859	10,418,587
Belgium	192,299	162,344	18,[illegible]31	18,720
France	1,199,[illegible]50	77[illegible],477	363,906	236,907
Cochin China	(a)	320,218	(a)	(a)
Madagascar	561,237	280,490	123,181	80,444
United States	279,801	222,7[illegible]8	.....	893
Reunion	120,760	131,204	8,250	20,918
Germany	139,802	100,[illegible]37	13,256	6,676
All other countries	522,311	366,158	388,5[illegible]7	55,646
Total	12,003,841	12,314,201	10,905,097	19,452,905

[a] Statistics not given.

Of the $6,074,424 worth of imports from British possessions in 1914, $5,358,707 worth came from India and consisted chiefly of rice, dholl, corn and other breadstuffs, specie, gunny bags, potash, and cotton goods, and of the exports to British possessions during that year, India took $7,629,822 worth, chiefly sugar, valued at $7,497,784, or 39 per cent of the $18,777,462 worth of sugar exported in that year, while Great Britain took $10,115,574 worth, or 53 per cent. In 1913, when the quantity of sugar exported was valued at $9,959,306, India took $6,768,884 worth and Great Britain $1,653,225 worth. The unusually large quantity of this product shipped to the mother country in 1915 was due to the embargo placed upon its exportation to all countries except Great Britain and the favorable prices paid by that country.

Trade With the United States.

The imports into Mauritius from the United States in 1914 were valued at $222,748, compared with $279,804 in 1913, and exports consisted of $893 worth of aloe fiber, against no exports in 1913. Petroleum and other mineral oils amounted to more than one-half of the total imports from the United States in 1914 and were valued at $113,109, against $156,208 in 1913. Cigars and other tobacco were imported to the value of $52,715, against $57,291 in 1913; automobiles, $24,008 against $16,859; salted and preserved meats, $7,851 against $17,544.

The following table shows the value of the imports by articles from the United States in 1913 and 1914:

Articles.	1913	1914	Articles.	1913	1914
Cabinet and upholstery ware	$1,375	$822	Margarin	$616	$150
Cart grease	894	1,190	Motor cars	16,859	24,008
Clocks and watches	1,001	1,506	Oils:		
Electrical accessories	.....	722	Edible	.....	1,085
Fish, pickled and salted	2,035	4,072	Petroleum and other mineral	156,208	113,109
Hardware and cutlery	2,476	3,898	Paper manufactures	1,174	1,373
Ironware:			Provisions, preserved	3,9.7	2,168
Bars	7,143	681	Rifles	318	369
Nails	140	.....	Tin plates	.....	399
Sheets	2,403	2,255	Tobacco, manufactured:		
Machinery:			Cigars	21,130	17,135
Agricultural	.....	759	Other	36,161	35,580
Engineering	.....	456	All other articles	8,370	2,278
Sewing	.....	882			
Meats, salted and preserved:					
Beef	17,544	6,240	Total	279,804	222,748
Pork	.....	1,611			

Navigation Statistics—Revenue and Expenditures.

The number of steam vessels entered at Port Louis in 1914 was 175, registering 425,524 tons, and sailing vessels numbered 32, of 12,505 tons.

The colony's revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, amounted to $3,614,663, compared with $3,579,962 for the previous year; and the expenditures were $3,455,741, compared with $3,536,185 in 1913.

The total amount of duty collected on imports in the year 1914 was $1,127,367, and on exports (sugar, molasses, and aloe fiber), $235,916.

SEYCHELLES.

The commerce of the British colony of the Seychelles Islands, in the Indian Ocean, was valued at $1,155,367 in 1914, compared with $1,221,088 in 1913. The imports were valued at $468,968 against $415,213, showing an increase of $53,755, and the exports $686,399 against $805,875, showing a decrease of $119,476.

The principal articles imported in 1914 were rice, cotton piece goods, manufactured metals, and beverages. Of the $686,399 worth of merchandise exported in 1914, copra was valued at $384,680; guano, $181,083; and vanilla, $42,733.

Comparative Figures of Import and Export Trade for Two Years.

The following table gives a comparison of the value of the principal articles imported and exported in 1913 and 1914.

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Articles.	1913	1914	Articles.	1913	1914
IMPORTS.			IMPORTS—continued.		
Bags, empty (gunny)	$9,004	$7,512	Tobacco, manufactured	$3,666	$4,008
Beverages	29,286	28,415	All other articles	73,621	87,431
Boots and shoes	5,759	5,197			
Breadstuffs:			Total	415,213	468,968
Dholl and lentils	4,757	9,139			
Flour	12,341	13,094	EXPORTS.		
Rice	97,010	113,153			
Butter and margarin	2,577	1,862	Cinnamon bark	17,272	14,485
Clothing, n. e. s.	5,774	6,301	Copra	350,591	384,680
Coffee	10,847	11,661	Guano	337,895	181,083
Coin and bullion	9,732	26,081	Oils:		
Cotton goods	65,952	54,285	Coconut	8,306	11,501
Haberdashery	15,852	14,537	Essential	5,346	11,459
Metals, manufactures of:			Whale	1,473	.....
Machinery	10,991	21,305	Other	27	142
Other	26,438	30,465	Shells, turtle	20,786	7,578
Oils:			Soap, coconut	7,554	6,073
Kerosene	4,515	5,680	Vanilla	33,039	42,733
Other	1,903	5,082	All other articles	23,586	26,665
Soap	6,258	6,264			
Sugar	18,930	17,396	Total	805,875	686,399

Trade by Countries.

The value of the trade of Seychelles by principal countries during 1913 and 1914 is given in the following table:

Countries.	Imports from.		Exports to.	
	1913	1914	1913	1914
United Kingdom	$137,142	$153,492	$215,102	$157,617
British Colonies	191,139	[a] 176,581	46,478	[a] 1,762
France	59,959	53,268	294,829	260,875
French Colonies	5,327	11,461	19,807	24,250
Belgium	141	140	135,661	100,408
Netherlands	1,332	843	54,007	54,492
Germany	3,783	2,977	33,877	39,567
United States	4,141	6,663	.....	.....
Other countries	12,249	63,543	6,114	47,428
Total	415,213	468,968	805,875	686,399

[a] For India.

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The principal imports from the United Kingdom in 1914 were cotton goods, provisions, hardware, and machinery; from France, cotton goods, haberdashery, and wine; and from India, chiefly rice. The principal exports to the United Kingdom were vanilla, guano, and essential oils; to France and Belgium, copra; to the Netherlands, guano; to Germany, cinnamon bark and leaves and guano.

Trade With the United States—Shipping.

The total value of imports into the Seychelles from the United States in 1914 was $6,663, consisting of $6,651 worth of petroleum, benzine, and lubricating oil, and $12 in gold coins, compared with $4,047 worth of petroleum, benzine, and lubricating oil and $94 worth of ironware in 1913. There were no exports from the Seychelles to the United States in 1913 or 1914.

The number of merchant vessels entered at Port Victoria in 1914 was 61 steam, with a tonnage of 120,089, and 6 sailing, registering 4,251; and those cleared were 60 steam, with a tonnage of 120,037, and 7 sailing, registering 4,325 tons.

The colony's revenue in 1914 amounted to $169,647, and disbursements $173,187, compared with $180,744 and $181,238, respectively, in 1913.

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